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In re Application of: Mellenthin, Paebst, Dryer, Garzmann
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For: A Method For Handling Data of a Proportioning Device and a Proportioning Device Suited for Performing the Method
Group Art Unit: 2161

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References WO 02/090895, DE 199 11 397, EP 0 999 432, and JP 2001 356688 are relevant as they were cited in the co-pending European patent application. References EP 0 837 475, EP 0 618 426, and WO 02/44665 are submitted as the client believes them to be relevant.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	BE	EP 0837 475	4/22/1998	Europe			
	BF	EP 0 618 426	10/05/1994	Europe			
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